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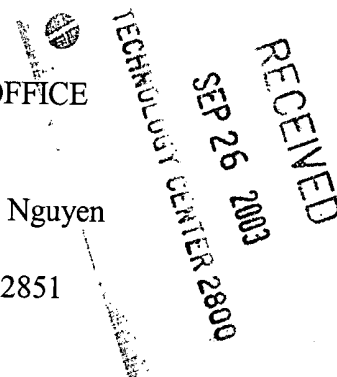
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Application No.: 09/817,018

Filed: March 27, 2001

For: SUPPORTING STRUCTURE OF OPTICAL
ELEMENT, EXPOSURE APPARATUS
HAVING THE SAME, AND MANUFACTURING)
METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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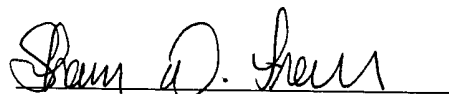
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Applicants requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the requisite fee of \$180.00 for consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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